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SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL, APRIL 30

REFS: (A) GENEVA 1860; (B) GENEVA 1308

1. FOLLOWING KEYED TO AGENDA ITEMS LISTED IN REF (A).

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2. TRADE IN TEXTILES: WE AGREE THAT PREVIOUS GUIDANCE

IS SUFFICIENT.

3. WITH RESPECT TO SWEDISH REQUEST FOR ARTICLE XXVIII:4
NEGOTIATIONS:

(A) MISSION SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE POSITION THAT
THE US IS UNABLE TO TAKE DEFINITIVE STAND ON REQUEST UNTIL
SWEDEN PROVIDES JUSTIFICATION DATA SUPPORTING REQUEST
UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XXVIII:4.

(B) WE DO NOT SHARE EC VIEW EXPRESSED GENEVA 1308
(PARA 5) THAT ASKING THAT A PERSUASIVE CASE BE MADE RE
EXISTENCE OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD ENCOURAGE
CONTRACTING PARTIES TO RESORT TO ARTICLE XXVIII:5. TO THE
CONTRARY, WE BELIEVE GRANTING SWEDISH REQUEST ON BASIS
OF ILL- DEFINED CIRCUMSTANCES COULD HAVE EFFECT OF
INCREASING RESORT TO ARTICLE XXVIII:4.

(C) EVEN THOUGH TRADE IS SMALL AND US INTERESTS
LIMITED TO NON- ALCOHOLIC PREPARATIONS, WE ARE CONCERNED
WITH APPARENT MOVE TO INTRODUCE VARIABLE LEVIES INTO
AREA OF PROCESSED GOODS AS SETTING DANGEROUS PRECEDENT.
THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE AT TIME MAJOR TRADING NATIONS
ARE GEARING UP FOR MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS.

(D) IN GATT C/ M/85 DATED APRIL 2, 1973, SWEDEN
JUSTIFIES REQUEST ON BASIS OF WISH TO INTRODUCE
QTE: A SYSTEM TO COMPENSATE FOR THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
THE WORLD MARKET PRICE AND THE SWEDISH DOMESTIC PRICE
FOR AGRICULTURAL RAW MATERIALS INCLUDED IN CERTAIN
PROCESSED FOODSTUFFS END QTE. AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, WE
BELIEVE COST OF DOMESTIC SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURE SHOULD
BE BORNE INTERNALLY AND NOT PASSED ON TO THIRD COUNTRIES
VIA TRADE DISTORTING ADJUSTMENTS AT THE BORDER.

4. UNITED KINGDOM DOLLAR AREA QUOTAS: GUIDANCE BEING
PROVIDED SEPTTEL.

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5. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS: MISSION
AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE AS APPROPRIATE FINAL POSITION OF
GATT AND ITC BUDGETS FOR 1972. ROGERS

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